(b) whether it is a fact that Recruitment Rules have not been amended to this effect, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that only non-functional posts were created; and

(d) what action is, proposed to be taken to amend the Recruitment Rules to specifically create the post in the scale of Rs. 4500-5700 for offices at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):' (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Restructuring of the CTS (now renamed Indian Trade Service) is under active consideration.

Agricultural export policy

@1933. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new medium-term agricultural export policy to boost the general level of exports from the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of new policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 878, transferred from the 17th July, 1992.

C-Dot Plant and modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

1934. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 100 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state.

(a) what are the details of the national policy under which C-DOT plants are being set up in the country;

(b) what is the number of old telephone exchanges where such plants have been set so far and the name:-, of telephone exchanges where such plants are proposed to be set up in the country; and

(c) what is the number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the period from 1972 to 1975 in the country, which have not yet iseen modernised so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAI1 DU): (a) The type and size of C-DOT telephone exchanges set up at a place depends upon the demand and other techno-economic considerations .

(b) 3952 Nos. of C-DOT Exchanges of all sizes have been set up so far in the country upto March, 92. Names of places where C-DOT exchanges are planned to be set up during 1992-93 is enclosed as Annexure (See Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 35) The list is tentative and actual installation of exchanges will depend up on the availability of the equipment.

(c) About 372 Nos. of Telephone exchanges set up during 1972-75 are yet to be modaraisad.